

October 13, 2015

Reports Available

Participation Report September 2015

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Report September 2015

Benefits Issued & Redeemed August 2015

CEU Forms

As the new fiscal year continues, please submit the correct CEU forms available on the <u>WIC website</u> or located in the <u>2016 State Plan Attachments</u>. There are three different forms; Pre-Event Request for Continuing Education Credit Approval, Post-Event Request for Continuing Education Credit Approval, and Post- Article, Short Webinar and Teleconference. Thanks.

Forms/Brochures/Booklets/Posters

This is your last chance to order these materials until April 2016. Please use the current order form <u>found online</u>. For accuracy please do not use previous order forms. This order must last your agency until May of 2016. Order is due by October 15 2015. Leah Steinle will be collecting the orders <u>Lsteinle@mt.gov</u>.

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Conference Call

There will be a conference call for the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program on Thursday, October 22, at 9:00am. Please send Chris any agenda items you would like included on the call by Friday, October 16th.

Loving Support Award of Excellence Application Period is Now Open

Local WIC agencies that have operated a peer counseling program for at least one year are eligible to apply. The award is available at three levels of performance, which can recognize agencies that are demonstrating model practices, as well as those who are at varying stages of implementing exemplary breastfeeding promotion and support practices. **THERE IS NO MONETARY RECOGNITION ATTACHED TO THIS AWARD.**

The <u>FNS website</u> will be used to make the FY 2016 Application, Application Instructions and FAQ available for download. Please thoroughly review the information on the website. To assist applicants a PowerPoint Presentation "Application Assistance for Local WIC Agencies" was created for guidance.

If you have additional questions, contact Chris at cfogelman@mt.gov or 1-800-433-4298.

Cheerios and Green Beans Recall

General Mills (GM) is recalling some of its regular Cheerios and Honey Nut Cheerios products. The recall is due to a wheat contamination and GM labels both these products as gluten-free. For most people, this does not pose a health risk but for others with certain conditions, it may be a concern. GM released a <u>recall announcement</u> as well as flyers in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u> to help people identify the contaminated products.

General Mills announced a voluntary class 2 recall of a limited quantity of frozen Cascadian Farm Cut Green Beans produced on one day in June 2015. The recall is being issued as a precaution after one package of finished product tested positive for the presence of Listeria monocytogenes. This voluntary recall is limited to 16-ounce bags of frozen Cascadian Farm Cut Green Beans with a "Better If Used By" date printed on the package:

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No other varieties or production dates of Cascadian Farm products are affected by this recall.

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